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SUBJECT: JOHNS HOPKINS - INSITITUTE OF CIVIL ENGINEERING
AGREEMENT.

REF: A. BUCHAREST 4085; B. STATE 162312; C. BUCHAREST 3467

1. EMBOFF WAS SUMMONED TO INSTITUTE FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING THIS MORNING BECAUSE OF CONCERN THAT JOHNS HOPKINS MIGHT WANT TO CHANGE SITE OF 1977 ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS CONFERENCE, WHICH IS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN BUCHAREST. INSTITUTE FULLY INTENDS TO HOST CONFERENCE AS PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED. FORMAL APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN BY MINISTER OF EDUCATION SUZANA GADEA; ION URSU, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREES "IN PRINCIPLE" TO CONFERENCE BEING HELD HERE, AND HAS PROMISED A FORMAL REPLY EARLY NEXT WEEK. ASSUMING A POSITIVE RESPONSE, THE COUNCIL OF STATE MUST THEN APPROVE THE CONFERENCE. PROF. VIRGIL IOANID IS "90 PERCENT CERTAIN" THAT BOTH APPROVALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 1. THE NORMALLY SLOW PROCESS HAS BEEN DELAYED LONGER THAN USUAL BECAUSE OF SUMMER VACATIONS. POST WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATING ABOVE TO JACK FISHER, DIRECTOR OF THE METROPOLITAN CENTER AT JOHNS HOPKINS.

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2. RECTOR GHIOCEL PLANS TO VISIT JOHNS HOPKINS FOR

TWO WEEKS BEGINNING AROUND OCTOBER 1 TO ARRANGE FOR SPECIFIC EXCHANGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBJECT AGREEMENT. FYI: THE ROMANIAN SIDE WILL PAY INTERNAL COSTS FOR HIS VISIT. END FYI.

3. FOR THE FIRST EXCHANGE UNDER THE AGREEMENT THE INSTITUTE HAS INVITED PROFESSOR T.R. LAKSHMANAN, AN EXPERT IN REGIONAL PLANNING KNOWN FOR SEVERAL YEARS BY IOANID AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY FISHER TO COME HERE FOR 30 DAYS IN OCTOBER/NOVEMBER. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE RECEIVED NO FORMAL NOTIFICATION, IOANID SAYS MINED WOULD APPROVE LAKSHMANAN AS EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST UNDER ARTICLE I(3) OF THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM, A NOMINATION WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE UPON OFFICIAL REQUEST. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT DISCUSSING THIS WITH JACK FISHER. IF LAKSHMANAN IS NOMINATED, HE WOULD SERVE AS CONSULTANT, ON REGIONAL PLANNING, ESPECIALLY IN PROVINCIAL AREAS. INSTITUTE REQUESTS THAT ANY BACKGROUND READING HE RECOMMENDS SHOULD BE SENT ASAP FOR TRANSLATION AND PREPARATION FOR DISCUSSION.

4. COMMENT: EMBOFF WAS VERY IMPRESSED DURING MEETING, WHICH INCLUDED PRO-RECTORS FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND REGIONAL PLANNING, WITH SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH INSTITUTE IS APPROACHING SUBJECT AGREEMENT. THEY ARE CLEARLY INTERESTED IN REAL PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT, AND SEE THIS EXCHANGE AS A MEANS TOWARD AT LEAST THEIR PARTIAL SOLUTION. WE ENDORSE DEPARTMENT EFFORTS TO PROVIDE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO HELP GET THINGS OFF THE GOOD START.
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